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In re the Application of:

Applicant : Roberto Fagnani et al.

Appl. No. : 10/054,728

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Title : THREE DIMENSIONAL FORMAT  
BIOCHIPS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action on the merits mailed October 14, 2005, to which  
a shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 17, 2006, please  
amend the above-identified application as set forth hereinafter. Amendments to the  
claims begin on page 2. Remarks begin on page 9.

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